

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT 1944.

To the Chairman & Members of the Whaley Bridge  
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district during the year ended 31st December, 1944.

## Statistics & Social Conditions in the Area

Total area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	- 3,487.
Estimated Population (mid 1944)	- 4,748.
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1944	- 1,644.
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£118.
Rateable Value.	£31,524.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1944.

	Total	M.	F.
Live Births Legitimate,	68.	36.	32.
Illegitimate,	4	2	2
Still Births,	3	3	0
Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population		-	15.1
" " " " " " " (in England & Wales)		-	17.6
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (Total live & still) births		-	40.0
Death rate per 1000 of estimated average population		-	14.3
" " " " " " " (in England & Wales).		-	11.6

Deaths from Puerperal Causes. - Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	M.	F.
Legitimate.	1	2
Illegitimate.	-	-

Death Rate - All infants per 1000 live births	- 41.6
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	- 44.1
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	- Nil.

	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer ( all ages)	3	6	9
" " Measles( all ages)	0	0	0
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	0	0	0
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).	0	0	0

A high standard of health has been maintained in the area throughout the year despite the difficult and anxious times through which all have been passing.

Causes of Death are classified as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis,	1	1	2
Influenza,	1	1	2
Cancer,	3	6	9
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions.	4	5	9
Heart Disease,	11	16	27
Other Dis: of Circ. System	0	2	2
Bronchitis,	0	1	1
Pneumonia,	1	0	1
Other resp. Diseases.	2	0	2
Ulcer of Stomach.	1	0	1
Other Digestive Diseases.	3	2	5
Nephritis.	1	0	1
Conjen. Debility, Premature Birth etc.	1	2	3
Other Causes.	3	0	3
Total	32	36	68



## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Systematic inspections of the district were periodically carried out and all essential services were satisfactorily maintained.

### Water Supplies.

The water supply of the district is chiefly composed of upland waters collected and distributed from service reservoirs in different parts of the district namely Diglee, Foxholme, Stoneheads, Nook, Leehead, and Taxal. All these service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year.

The number of premises supplied with Council's water was 1456 while 154 premises in the northern part of the district were supplied from the Stockport Corporation main which runs through the district. Thirty four houses only have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of farms.

All houses in the district have a piped supply of water laid on to the premises.

Samples from all the Council's water supplies were taken at the beginning of the year and submitted for chemical and bacteriological analysis. The analyst's reports proved these waters to be of good quality.

Each year during the summer months care has to be taken to reduce the waste of water to a minimum to prevent curtailment of supply so if there is an appreciable amount of building in this area it will be essential for this Council to augment its supplies. No extensions to the Council's mains were carried out during the year.

### Sewerage.

The sewage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge and District Joint Sewerage Board.

No complaints have been received concerning the discharged effluent into the River Goyt. The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing and rodding being carried out when necessary.

### Refuse Collection and Disposal.

This work was satisfactorily carried out by direct labour and a good average collection of salvage was maintained.

### Factories Act.

The general health of factory workers remains good and satisfactory conditions have been maintained at all factories in the district.

### Infectious and other Diseases.

No cases of malaria were notified during the year, one case of dysentery was notified.

The district was again fairly free from infectious diseases, the decline in the number of Diphtheria patients being especially noticeable now that a greater percentage of the child population has been immunised.





At the year end 762 children in this area had been immunized against diphtheria, representing 74.05% of the child population. Of the 762 children immunized, 473 were between 5 and 15 years of age, and 289 were under 5 years of age.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is issued gratuitously.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Diseases.	Total all ages.	0 1	3 4	5 10	15 20	25 35	45 65	65 Over.	Hosp. Cases.	Deaths
Smallpox.	Nil									-
Scarlet Fever.	6	-	1	3	1	1	-	-	6	-
Diphtheria.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	Nil								-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	Nil								-	-
Pneumonia.	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
Other dis. generally notifiable:-									-	
Erysipelas.	Nil								-	-
Dysentery.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Opthalmia neonatorum.	Nil								-	-
Measles.	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	5	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Nil	-							-	-
Other Dis. Notifiable locally.	Nil	-							-	-
Totals	19	-	5	3	3	2	1	2	7	-

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1944.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25 - 35	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	2	-	1	1	1	-	-


In conclusion, I would like to tender my thanks to the Officials of the Council for the assistance so ably and willingly rendered in connection with my Public Health duties throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,  
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

FRED GARNET ALLAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

1st October, 1945.



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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITION  
OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

To the Chairman & Members of the Whaley Bridge  
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the  
Sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the  
year ended 31st December, 1944.

Housing: Number of new houses provided - Nil.  
Number of houses condemned or closed  
under the Housing Acts. - Nil.

Dairies, Cowsheds etc.

Number of cowkeepers on Register.	-	36.
Number of cowkeepers holding Accredited Milk licenses	-	10.
Number of cowkeepers holding Grade A.T.T. Licenses	-	2.
Number of inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies	-	89.
Number of informal notices served.	-	2.
Number of nuisances abated.	-	7.

Cowsheds throughout the year were generally maintained  
in good condition, and the quality of milk produced maintained a  
fairly high level.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

Number of Inspections made - 677.  
Defects or Nuisances :-

Number discovered	-	347.
Number abated.	-	312.

Number of Notices served:-

Informal Notices.	-	186.
Statutory Notices.	-	4.
Legal Proceedings.	-	Nil.

Details of Inspections:-

	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Nuisances abated.</u>
Defective Closet accommodation.	78.	37.
Defective ashbins or Ashpits.	61.	45.
Drainage Defects.	102.	78.
Defective Roofs, Gutters, etc.	29.	17.
Defective Sinks.	14.	9.
Defective Windows.	24.	19.
Dampness in dwellings.	59.	39.
Miscellaneous Housing Defects.	82.	41.
Offensive Accumulations.	31.	9.
Flooded Cellars.	8.	2.
Urinals	27.	6.
Other Nuisances.	52.	29.

HOUSES DISINFECTED.

After Scarlet Fever.	-	6.
After Diphtheria	-	1.
After Other Diseases.	-	8.





### FOOD INSPECTIONS.

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

14lbs. Beef.	24 tins of Evaporated Milk.
4 tins Pork Luncheon Meat.	2 tins Herrings.
3 tins Stewed Steak.	18 tins Pilchards.
28½lbs Cheese.	2 tins Salmon.
2lbs Margarine.	1 tin Jam.
1lb Butter.	4 tins Prem.
5 tins Minced Beef Loaf.	78 Soup Flavours.
5½ doz. eggs.	7 tins Sausage Meat.
9 tins Sardines.	1 tin Canadian Ham Loaf.
1 tin Crawfish.	1 tin Kam.
	1 tin Mackerel.

### SALVAGE.

All classes of salvaged materials were collected during the year the amounts collected and disposed of being as follows:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	lbs.	Value		
				£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper.	33.	8.	56.	141.	7.	0.
Waste Bones.		14.	28.	3.	8.	5.
Rags.	1.	9.	56.	18.	16.	4.
Total.	<u>35.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>28.</u>	<u>£163.</u>	<u>11.</u>	<u>9.</u>

I am,

Sir & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLane.

Sanitary Inspector.

